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1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS REPORTED JUNE 25 THAT FORMER
MINISTER OF COMMERCE (1965-66) EMMANUEL KOTHRIS ISSUED
STATEMENT OVER WEEKEND CRITICIZING PM ANDROUTSOPoulos'
PRESENCE AMONG NATO MINISTERS AS CONSTITUTING VIOLATION OF
PRINCIPLES OF NATO CHARTER IN THAT GOG DID NOT GUARANTEE
PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH NATO WAS PURPORTED TO EXIST.

2. STATEMENT AS QUOTED IN ATHENS NEWS ADDED THAT INASMUCH AS
NEW ATLANTIC DECLARATION IMPOSES ON GREEK GOVERNMENT
RESPONSIBILITY OF ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, TO
PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS, AND TO PERMIT A REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM
TO FUNCTION IN THIS COUNTRY, "THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD
ANNOUNCE THE LEGISLATIVE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO THIS
EFFECT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR BRUSSELS. OTHERWISE HIS
PRESENCE IN BRUSSELS MAY HARM BOTH THE PRESTIGE AND THE
NATIONAL INTEREST OF GREECE."

3. SO FAR GOG HAS NOT REACTED TO KOTHRIS' STATEMENT.
HOWEVER, PRO-REGIME NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED PROMINFNTLY
PM ANDROUTSOPoulos' TRIP WITH ELEFTHEROS COSMOS CITING
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ANDROUTSPOPOULOS' ATTENDANCE AT NATO SUMMIT AS "EVIDENCE

OF SPECIAL CONSIDERATION WHICH GREECE ENJOYS
INTERNATIONALLY."
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